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1. In April 1954 the Soviet representation at Harbin announced the following information on repatriation and registration of local Soviet nationals:
 - a. Each Russian emigrant holding Soviet nationality could return to the Soviet Union, if he so desired.
 - b. Applicants had to register at the Association of Soviet Citizens on 28 or 29 April 1954.
 - c. Additional information could be obtained from the Association of Soviet Citizens.
2. During the two designated days, approximately 10,000 persons registered at Harbin; this represented about one-half of the emigrants in the region.
3. The following additional explanations were given at the time of registration:
 - a. Repatriated emigrants could settle only in certain specified regions (Oblasti), among which were Omsk, Tomsk, Irkutsk, Sverdlovsk, and Yakutsk.
 - b. Each repatriate would have to build his house with his own hands.
 - c. Repatriation would be effected between 1 June and 30 September 1954.
 - d. Travel would be by land, via the frontier station of Odpor which would serve as a point of concentration. There, repatriates without means would receive funds for the first arrangements.
 - e. Specialists and craftsmen would be employed in their trades, while others would make the best arrangements they could.

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- f. Each repatriate could take his belonging, including furniture, with him.
- g. Immovable property could be sold by permission of the Chinese authorities.
- 4. Each registrant for repatriation had to fill out a questionnaire of several pages and submit six photographs.
- 5. On 10 June 1954 the first load of repatriates left Harbin.

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